

April 12, 2005

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs, Glendale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 20, 2005 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (623) 930-2262, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

- ### 3. Information.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

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ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

- 4A. Review and approve the March 16, 2005 meeting minutes.
- 4B. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2004-2007 MAG TIP to add the Federally funded, Phoenix Rio Salado Parkway design project.

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Priority Transportation funds to start the design of the Rio Salado Parkway corridor, from 7th Street to the South Mountain Freeway. This notification was made as part of a special appropriation that occurred during the recent Transportation Appropriations Bill. In order for the project to proceed, the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) needs to be amended to include this new project. As the project involves only design at this stage, the project is regarded as exempt for air quality conformity purposes. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the amendment. This item is on the April 13, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Federal Fiscal Year 2005 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$17.9 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1.5 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. On March 24, 2005, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended allowing 15 projects, totaling \$12.9 million, to defer from Federal Fiscal Year 2005 to later years. This is in addition to \$4.6 million in uncommitted funds available since the initial closeout and \$350,000 in reimbursed funds received so far this year. Members are requested to submit to MAG staff any projects that they wish to compete for the funds available by the deadline of Friday, April 29, 2005. This item is on the April 13, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend approval of the interim closeout of Federal FY 2005, as shown in the attached Table One and recommend amending/adjusting the FY 2004-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2005 and FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to allow the projects to proceed.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5A. Approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. This TIP serves as a five-year regional guide for the preservation, management and expansion of public transportation services, including highways, ridesharing, transit facilities and various congestion mitigation, and air quality improvement projects. The draft TIP contains more than 1,100 transportation projects, totals more than \$5.6 billion and identifies Federally funded projects; ADOT projects; transit projects (including light rail); and all regionally significant projects within the region. On March 24, 2005, the Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP for an air quality conformity analysis. This item is on the April 13, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2005 Update for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

To comply with Federal Clean Air Act requirements, it is necessary to conduct an air quality conformity analysis of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Draft RTP - 2005 Update includes modifications to the phases in which certain projects in the RTP would be constructed that were submitted for agency consultation in February and March 2005. This item is on the April 13, 2005 Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5A. Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for an air quality conformity analysis.

5B. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2005 Update for an air quality conformity analysis.

6. Interim Draft of the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures

House Bill 2456, passed in 2004 in association with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Proposition 400, requires "budgeting processes" for the freeway/highway and arterial streets/intersections modes in the RTP be adopted to ensure that the estimated costs for projects in each mode do not exceed the total amount of revenues estimated to be available for that mode (ARS 28-6352). In response to this new requirement, MAG has initiated the development of an Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) and has completed the development of an Interim Draft *ALCP Policies and Procedures* to guide its implementation. The Interim Draft *ALCP Policies and Procedures* were discussed at the March 16, 2005 meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee. The discussion at the TPC centered on how the ALCP will deal with inflation, how surplus project and program funds might be reallocated, and including an allowance for inflation as part for the reimbursement to a jurisdiction is a project is advanced. The discussion of these issues will continue beginning with a summary of last month's discussion and policy options. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information, discussion, and possible action.